

WELCOME



*I'd like to take a moment to **welcome** you to the **St. Charles Parish Info Tour**. Whether you're new to the parish or a life-long resident, I hope this tour gives you **valuable insight** into the everyday workings of parish government and infrastructure.*

*These facilities belong to you. Their construction and ongoing maintenance is funded by your taxpayer dollars. They're the critical part of our infrastructure that deliver **clean water, flood protection, wastewater treatment** and much more. We at parish government take pride in providing these services, and we want you to know how much we **appreciate your support**.*

Please feel free to ask questions of your tour guides. This valuable information will guide our public information efforts well into the future. Thank you for attending!

– V.J. St. Pierre, Parish President



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**BEHIND
THE
SCENES
OF PARISH
GOVERNMENT**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

- Staffed 24/7 by coordinators in contact with industry and first responders.
- New EOC is 13,000 square feet and can withstand winds of up to 200 mph.
- Construction approved by the Parish Council at \$5.8 million.
- Example of a local-state-federal-private partnership, with SCP contributing 44% of the funding, FEMA contributing 23%, the state of Louisiana contributing 18% and Dow contributing 15%.
- In the last eight years, EOC has activated 88 times in response to emergencies, with lower level incidents occurring weekly.
- EOC staff participates in numerous exercises, including Waterford 3 drills, National Guard rescue drills, and more.

SCP ANIMAL SHELTER

- 8,800 square feet with a \$1.5 million construction cost.
- Built to combat disease, with areas for isolation, quarantine and adoptable animals.
- Features 40 dog runs, 83 cat cages and 17 recovery cages.
- Features ample medical rooms for veterinarian care.
- Partial funding in the amount of \$300,000 from the Louisiana Department of the Treasury utilized for the building.
- Low cost spaying and neutering is available for those who qualify through the St. Charles Humane Society.
- In conjunction with SCHS, an average of about 400 animals are adopted from the shelter each year.

COUSINS PUMPING STATION

- Eight pumps handle a capacity of 422,000 gallons of water per minute.
- Pumps can be controlled off-site and automatically via telemetry system. Monitored by EOC and Public Works staff.
- Services the watershed from Boutte to Lakewood and from the river to the wetlands south of existing subdivision developments.
- New automatic bar screen cleaners ensure the pumps' grating is clear during heavy rain events.
- Moves water from Cousins Canal to the wetlands south of the inhabited area.
- Will be part of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Levee once the Ellington phase is construction.

LULING OXIDATION POND

- Treats 3.2 million gallons of wastewater per day
- 57 acres in size.
- Built in 1960.
- Telemetry system monitors pumps at the pond.
- Chlorine alarm system monitors treatment.
- Wastewater treatment process takes 30 days, including dechlorination.
- Treated wastewater is distributed into the surrounding wetlands to help replenish the marsh. This system is now being used to sell carbon credits to companies.
- Pond must be periodically dredged of solid materials.

LULING WATERWORKS PLANT

- New 1 million gallon water storage tank recently completed through a grant from the state of Louisiana in the amount of \$175,000.
- Facility produces 9 million gallons of water per day.
- Site houses three clarification units in total.
- Nearly 400 miles of waterlines deliver water to homes and businesses in St. Charles Parish.
- Meter readers visit about 250,000 locations each year.
- Waterworks operates with a staff of approximately 50.
- Under river crossings allow parish to borrow water from East Bank should an emergency occur.

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